

## South King County Projects Update

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## South King County traffic closures this week

### Interstate 5

- Monday through Thursday nights expect closures of up to three northbound left lanes from the Pierce County line to S. 320<sup>th</sup> between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. as crews place concrete (weather permitting).
- Wednesday and Thursday nights expect closures of the southbound left lane from S. 320<sup>th</sup> to the Pierce County line between 8 p.m. and 11 a.m. for asphalt paving (weather permitting).

### Interstate 5 / State Route 18 Interchange

- Tuesday through Thursday nights expect ramp closures at the I-5 / SR 18 interchange from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. See the [construction update report](#) for details.

### State Route 18

- Wednesday and Thursday nights expect closures of the right lanes near I-5 from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. for bridge work. Wednesday night the right westbound lane will be closed; Thursday night the right eastbound lane will be closed.

### State Route 161

- Monday through Friday expect single lane closures on southbound SR 161 between Military Road and Milton Way from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to work on pavement repair, sidewalks and electrical conduits.

## Wider SR 161 coming this summer

The list of remaining work on our [State Route 161 widening project](#) is getting shorter and shorter.

WSDOT is widening SR 161 (Enchanted Parkway/Meridian E.) to four lanes between Milton Road S. in Federal Way and Jovita Blvd. in Milton to reduce congestion and improve safety. WSDOT and contractor Tri-State Construction are adding two-way-left-turn lanes, and building sidewalks and bike lanes between Milton Way and Military Road. North of Military Road crews are building eight-foot-wide shoulders for pedestrians and bicyclists, and an eight-foot-wide median to separate northbound and southbound traffic.

Crews have completed these parts of the project:

- widened the roadway
- installed all drains and pipes
- built two detention ponds to capture and clean highway runoff
- installed five new traffic signals
- built noise walls
- built most of the new sidewalks between Military Road and Milton Way

In addition, crews are almost done with retaining wall construction. So a lot is done, but three very rain-sensitive tasks remain:

- building the concrete median between Military Road and S. 360<sup>th</sup> Street
- paving the top layer of asphalt throughout the project
- final striping

We expect to complete this work and open a wider, safer SR 161 to traffic in late summer.

## **Don't forget to exercise your Wheel Options this week**

We're in week one of the two-week spring [Wheel Options](#) campaign. If you commute to work by a method other than driving alone twice between March 13 and 24, you can enter for a chance to [win prizes](#). A correction to our announcement last week: the trip for two to London is a seven-day trip, not five days.

The state's largest worksites promote Wheel Options as part of their participation in Washington's Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Program. Employees commuting to worksites participating in CTR:

- remove approximately 20,000 vehicles from our state's roads each weekday morning
- reduce air pollution by about 4,000 tons a year
- reduce gasoline consumption by nearly six million gallons a year

## **Highway advisory radio updates**

Tune your radio to 1520 AM to hear a new project update each week on I-5 in Federal Way. Questions or comments? E-mail [Laura Johnson](#).

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